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To Whom It May Concern:

In regards to docket numbers: 98N-1230, 96P-0418 and 97P-0197

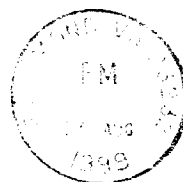
It has recently come to my attention that egg-producing hens are starved for periods of up to fourteen days, in a process called molting. This is cruel and inhumane. The FDA should prohibit forced molting because it is wrong and it endangers the health of the hen. The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be immediately granted. Additionally, the FDA must do more than put warning labels on egg cartons, but must regulate egg refrigeration temperatures to ensure consumers are not eating spoiled or contaminated food.

Respectfully,


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